

Information Respecting

# VENEREAL DISEASES

SYPHILIS AND GONORRHOEA



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*Physicians are requested to give each  
patient a copy of this folder.*

*Penicillin treatments for syphilis and gonorrhoea are far superior to any former type of treatment. It reduces the treatment period to days instead of months or years. It is safe even for infants. It need not interfere with employment.*

## **Syphilis**

**Treatment - Three different ways.**

**1. 10 days' treatment.**

Penicillin G in Peanut Oil and Beeswax  
2 c.c. (600,000 units) once daily for  
ten days.

This treatment will produce satisfactory  
results in most cases.

**2. 5 weeks' treatment.**

Same as No. 1 plus Mapharsen twice weekly  
for five weeks and Bismuth once  
weekly for five weeks.

This is somewhat superior to Penicillin  
alone.

**3. Longer or different treatments required:**

- a. If treatments are not taken regularly.
- b. If complication or relapse occurs.

### **FOLLOW-UP ON COMPLETION OF TREATMENT FOR SYPHILIS**

1. Blood test every month for six months,  
then every three months for one year,  
then every six months for a total of  
five years.
2. Spinal fluid examination at the comple-  
tion of treatment if not done before  
treatment, and if negative, again in two  
years. If positive, then every six months  
until satisfactory results obtained by  
treatment.

3. Cardiovascular examination five years after the completion of treatment.
4. Report to a physician immediately if any sores appear on the genitals or if a rash develops.
5. Women should always have a blood test early in every pregnancy to safeguard the unborn baby from infection.

## *Dont's for Syphilis*

*DON'T* let anyone tell you that you have a "slight touch of syphilis," or a "light case". You either have syphilis or you do not have it, and syphilis always is a serious disease.

*DON'T* guess whether you have syphilis. See a doctor. He only can, by clinical and microscopic examinations and blood test, tell positively in almost all cases whether you have the disease. Treatment should **never** begin unless examination and test have been done.

## *Gonorrhoea*

### *Treatment:*

1. One injection of Penicillin in Peanut Oil and Beeswax 1 to 2 c.c. will cure 60 to 70% of cases. If repeated after 24 hours, 80 to 90% of cases are cured. If repeated on three successive days, almost all cases are cured.
2. One course of Sulfa Pills cures only about 40% of cases.

### *FOLLOW-UP ON COMPLETION OF TREATMENT FOR GONORRHOEA*

Gonorrhoea, like syphilis, may be hidden deep in your tissues, therefore, tests and

examinations should be made repeatedly for several weeks to make sure you are cured.

Do not pass your urine for an hour or two before seeing your doctor for checkup.

### *Warning!*

Many people think that syphilis is just a later form of gonorrhoea; this is not so. Gonorrhoea is due to a specific germ and has no relation to the syphilis germ.

For the following reasons, persons receiving Penicillin treatment for gonorrhoea should have a blood test for syphilis in four months:

1. Many persons contract gonorrhoea and syphilis at the same time.
2. Gonorrhoea shows up first.
3. Penicillin when used for gonorrhoea masks signs of syphilis.

**MAKE SURE** - Have a blood test monthly for four months.

### *Dont's for Gonorrhoea*

**DON'T** allow anyone to convince you gonorrhoea is anything but a serious affair.

**DON'T** guess as to your condition. Have a competent physician make a microscopic examination.

**DON'T** waste time trying to treat yourself with remedies advised by friends or druggists. Go at once to a competent physician or Clinic.

**DON'T** drink wine, beer or any other kind of liquor while undergoing treatment, nor for several weeks subsequently until several examinations reveal no evidence of disease.

**DON'T** have sexual intercourse until all



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tests demonstrate that you are well.

**DON'T** forget that innocent girl children may be infected from your dressings or anything coming in contact with the discharge.

**DON'T** think yourself cured when discharge stops. There are many chronic cases lasting for months which show little or no discharge. Return regularly for checkup and continue until the doctor says you may stop.

### *Important re Gonorrhoea or Syphilis*

1. Tell the doctor or clinic nurse the name of the person from whom you acquired the disease and to whom it may have been spread. All information received is handled in strict confidence and your name will not be divulged. Every care is taken not to embarrass the person named. He or she may not be aware of the infection. By supplying this information you render a service to the person named, and to your community.
2. Notify the doctor or clinic nurse if you change your address, move to another province or change doctors. In doing this you may save yourself much embarrassment.
3. Any person who stops coming for treatment or subsequent examination without the doctor's consent will be followed up and may be apprehended if necessary. He may be detained in an institution for treatment until several tests and examinations show him free from infection.

## NOTICE

Section 33, Part II, Division 2, of the regulations under "The Public Health Act" provides as follows:

"No person knowing or having reason to believe or suspect that he is or may be infected with venereal disease, shall contract a marriage or have sexual intercourse or do or suffer any act which leads or which might lead to the infection with such disease of any other person."

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## PENALTIES

Persons who contravene the provisions of the regulations under "The Public Health Act" are, under Section 34 of that Act, guilty of an offence; and are subject on conviction, to a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars.

Under Section 307 of the Criminal Code of Canada, a person suffering from venereal disease in a communicable form, who knowingly or by culpable negligence communicates such venereal disease to any other person is guilty of an offence and liable, on conviction, to a fine or imprisonment, or both as set out in the aforesaid section of the Criminal Code.

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*Sexual intercourse is not necessary for health. Abstain from illicit intercourse and you preserve your self respect and health and prevent the spread of venereal disease.*